

# GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

April 21, 2006

8:30 a.m.

## MINUTES

### GTSAC MEMBERS

Robert Morris, Chair  
Michael Prince  
Linda Scarpetta  
Ron Wilson  
F/Lt. Thad Peterson  
John Friend  
Pamela Hall  
Steven Puuri

### REPRESENTING

Office of the Governor  
Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)  
Department of Community Health (MDCH)  
Department of State (DOS)  
Department of State Police (MSP)  
Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
Office of Services to the Aging (OSA)  
Local Representative – County Road Commission Association

### STAFF

Sue Joseph

### GTSAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Dwight Sinila  
Chief David Stamm  
Sheriff Al Byam

Department of Education (MDE)  
Local Representative – Michigan Association of Chief's of Police  
Local Representative – Michigan Sheriff's Association

### ACTION TEAMS

Steve Schreier                      Intersection Safety Action Team

### GUESTS

Debra Alfonso  
Theresa Atkinson  
Lance Binoniemi  
Eric Bombery  
Mike Eberlein  
Kathy Farnum  
Bob Felt  
Ron Hanichandran  
Lawrence Hummel  
Sandy Liddle  
Dave Morena  
Ramona Putman  
Carol Reagan  
Anne Readett  
Deborah Savage  
Alicia Sledge  
Lynn Sutfin

### REPRESENTING

MDOT  
Crash Survivors Network  
Michigan Licensed Beverage Association  
Washtenaw Area Transportation Study  
MDOT – Safe Routes to School  
OHSP  
MDOT/Office of Communications  
Michigan Transportation Research Board  
Van Buren County Road Commission  
Office of Financial and Insurance Services  
Federal Highway Administration  
DOS  
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The meeting was called to order and chaired by Robert Morris. Roll call of GTSAC members and introductions completed.

### Public Comment/Announcement Items

No public comment.

### Approval of GTSAC February 24, 2006 Minutes

The February 24, 2006, minutes were approved. **Motion made by Ron Wilson to accept the minutes with one OSA update change. Motion seconded by Steve Puuri. Motion passed.**

### Reports/Updates

#### ➤ Chair Report – Robert Morris

The Michigan Traffic Safety Summit was a successful event with appreciative GTSAC Award Recipients. Final Strategic Highway Safety Plan approval will be moved to June GTSAC meeting.

#### ➤ Legislative Report

Legislative report document was distributed. John Friend reviewed MDOT related legislative items.

## **GTSAC Commissioner Update**

### ➤ **Community Health** – Linda Scarpetta

Community Health participated in the 2006 Traffic Safety Summit with a session on the Child Passenger Safety Action Plan and other CPS issues. A national round table discussion is being planned for June. Five names have been submitted for round table participation. A detailed report, if Michigan is approved to participate, can be given at the June GTSAC meeting. MDCH will purchase bicycle helmets through an OHSP grant for distribution during summer bike rodeo events.

### ➤ **Education** – Dwight Sinila

No report.

### ➤ **State** – Ron Wilson

Motorcycle Safety Section at DOS has changed their name to the Michigan Motorcycle Safety Program. A motorcycle media event will be held by Secretary Terri Lynn Land, partnering with OHSP, in the Plaza of the Richard H. Austin building at 10:30 am on May 1, 2006.

### ➤ **State Police** – F/Lt. Thad Peterson

A press event was held to kick-off the new aggressive driving web link available on the MSP, Traffic Services Section web site. Information gathered from this site will help locate areas where aggressive driving is a problem. School Bus and Motorcycle Safety research information conducted by the Traffic Services Section staff are now also available on their web site. Several handouts were distributed including a brochure for Setting Realistic Speed Limits, Field Update 12 and 13, and a brochure on Guide to Services of the Field Operations Division.

### ➤ **Transportation** – John Friend

The newly appointment MDOT director Kurt Steudle was announced. Bob Felt gave a report on the May 11, 2006, press event and distributed a bumper sticker for the Where Workers Present 45 Give 'Em a Brake campaign.

### ➤ **OSA** – Pamela Hall

Pamela Hall reported she has been presenting the report on Michigan Senior Transportation, An Analysis of Transportation Services for Older Adults. This report highlights senior transportation services as well as gaps in services in Michigan's 83 counties. If you would like a presentation to your organization, please contact her for more information. Also, the report is available on OSA's website at [www.miseniors.net](http://www.miseniors.net) in pdf format.

### ➤ **OHSP** – Michael Prince

Click It or Ticket May Mobilization details will be shared later in the meeting by the Chair of the OHSP Task Force, Deborah Savage and the OHSP Communications Manager Anne Readett. Overall Michigan traffic fatalities for last year are down however motorcycle fatalities show an increase. Record attendance was seen at the 2006 Traffic Safety Summit. The planning process for the 2007 Traffic Safety Summit has begun. A handout was distributed for any interested party to submit a Summit topic and speaker suggestion.

### ➤ **Local Representation** – Steven Puuri – Local Representation

Last week the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM) sponsored a national conference for engineers at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids. Through the contacts made at this meeting, a low-cost solution was found to address an intersection in Washtenaw County experiencing a high-crash rate. This solution will be implemented this construction season.

## **Strategic Highway Safety Plan Update – Kathy Farnum/OHSP**

Due to new FHWA guidance just being release on the Strategic Highway Safety Plan process, the plan will need to have a final review to ensure it meets the new guidance. Once the review is completed, the final draft plan will be sent to the GTSAC by May 15, 2006. This will allow for review before the final approval vote is requested at the June GTSAC meeting. Once the plan has final approval, the Governor's Office will be contacted. OHSP will have the final approved document prepared through the DMB printing process. Four action teams will report at each GTSAC meeting throughout the rest of the year. Each action team will then be responsible to report progress back to the GTSAC every six months. A follow-up strategic planning meeting is being discussed. A web site with a direct link to the GTSAC section of the OHSP web site is in development.

## **Action Team Reports**

### ➤ **Elderly Mobility Action Team Report – Dave Morena, FHWA**

Dave Morena – FHWA, Patricia Carrow – OHSP, Pamela Hall – OSA, Kim Lariviere – MDOT will be working to put together a PowerPoint presentation to show respective agency management staff with fiscal responsibility identified in the Elderly Mobility Action Plan aware of the funding commitment.

## **Presentations**

### **➤ May Mobilization Plan – Deborah Savage/OHSP and Anne Readett/OHSP**

Deborah Savage, Chair of the OHSP Belt Task Force gave a PowerPoint presentation on May Click It or Ticket mobilization events planned. The target audience of this event is the young male driver. Several new media items from the May Mobilization Communications Kit were presented by Anne Readett, OHSP Communications Manager.

### **➤ Crash Survivors Network – Dr. Theresa Atkinson**

Dr. Atkinson has an injury prevention background and was involved in a tragic traffic crash during which her daughter was killed and her husband sustained serious injuries. As a result of this experience, Dr. Atkinson created the Crash Survivors Network, a non-profit group, to provide support resources to other families dealing with the aftermath of a serious or fatal traffic crash. The web site, [crashsurvivorsnetwork.org](http://crashsurvivorsnetwork.org), provides support, information and links to useful resources. The organization is locally based but is looking to expand statewide. Several local initiatives have been developed that could be expanded throughout the state with the valuable partnerships of those agencies represented on the GTSAC.

### **➤ Michigan Transportation Research Board Overview – Ronald Harichandran**

A PowerPoint presentation was given on the Michigan Transportation Research Board and the proposed collaborative effort of the GTSAC. The reason this Board was developed was to centralize and drive transportation research in Michigan. Many other states have this type of approach to bring research ideas together. The many universities that do this type of research throughout the state have a representative on the board. Should the GTSAC need to have transportation research completed, this board would be an avenue to get that accomplished.

### **➤ Safe Routes to School – Mike Eberlein/MDOT**

Federal funding source called Safe Routes to School is a national initiative that will be implemented in Michigan. A PowerPoint presentation was given to provide an overview of the program along with several handouts.

## **GTSAC Administrative Items**

Next Meeting is June 23, 2006 in the Presentation Room. Adjourn.